

# WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

# COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

#### LOUIS H. BRUNI

Webb County Judge (956) 523-4600

#### JERRY VASQUEZ

Commissioner, Precinct 1 (956) 523-4617

#### JUDITH G. GUTIERREZ

Commissioner, Precinct 2 (956) 523-4624

#### FELIX VELASQUEZ

Commissioner, Precinct 3 (956) 523-4625

#### DAVID R. CORTEZ

Commissioner, Precinct 4 (956) 523-4653

#### MARGIE IBARRA

Webb County Clerk (956) 523-4251

#### **HOMERO RAMIREZ**

Webb County Attorney (956) 523-4044

#### LEO FLORES

Webb County Auditor (956) 523-4016

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 8, 2003, 1:30 p.m. and continuing
September 9, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY JUDGE, LOUIS H. BRUNI
- 2. ROLL CALL BY MARGIE IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 25, JULY 28, AUGUST 6, AUGUST 11, AUGUST 25, 2003 MEETINGS
- 5. APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS –
- **7. PUBLIC COMMENT-** This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

#### COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

### LOUIS H. BRUNI, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

**8.** Discussion and possible action regarding the setting of salaries, expenses, and other allowances, of Webb County Elected Officials as per section 152.013, Texas Local Government Code and authorization to issue written notice to Elected Officials of their salary and allowances to be included in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Webb County Budget.

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

**9.** Public hearing on the proposed Webb County Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, pursuant to Chapter 111, Texas Local Government Code.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

# **LOUIS H. BRUNI, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE**

- 10. Discussion and possible action on the adoption of the Webb County budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 pursuant to Chapter 111, Texas Local Government Code. The Court may make any modifications to the County Judge's proposed budget by majority vote.
- **11.** Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the Webb County Tax Rate of .457923 per \$100 taxable valuation for tax year 2003 (Fiscal Year 2003-2004) pursuant to Chapter 26, Texas Property Code.
- **12.** Discussion and possible action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Webb County and the Webb County Rail Transportation District. This agreement would coordinate resources and staff on projects of mutual interest for the benefit of the citizens of Webb County.

- 13. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Chief of Staff, Executive Administrator to the Commissioners Court and the Departments of Economic Development, Engineering, and Planning to initiate the creation of a Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 316 of the Texas Transportation Code and 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 26: said RMA to consist of the entirety of Webb County; and, any matter incident thereto.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a resolution authorizing the County of Webb to submit a loan application to the State Infrastructure Bank program administered by the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$249,142 for preliminary activities related to the development of the Cuatro Vientos Road Extension Project.
- **15.** Discussion and possible action on the approval of an order authorizing the issuance of "Webb County, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2003" and authorizing other matters related thereto.

#### **GERARDO "JERRY" VASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1**

**16.** Discussion and possible action to allow the Veterans Coalition to make a recommendation on the appointment of the Veteran's Service Officer. (Co-Sponsored by Judith Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2)

# **JUDITH GUTIERREZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2**

17. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$1,302.00 from account #001-0106-5001 Payroll – Building Maintenance to account # 001-1110-5001 Payroll – District Clerk. This transfer is to cover the cost of salary adjustments for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 to slot #286 and slot #1751 previously approved on April 14, 2003. (Employees with 15 years of service to Webb County)

# FELIX VELASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

**18.** Discussion and possible action to approve a four year contract with the Webb County Collective Bargaining Unit for the period covered between October 1, 2003 and September 30, 2007.

- **19.** Discussion and possible action to approve a modification to the existing contract with the Golf Course Operator, effective October 1, 2003, and for the remaining years on the contract.
- **20.** Discussion and possible action to create a Human Resource Department for the County of Webb, effective January 1, 2004.

#### MEDIA BREAK – FIFTEEN MINUTES COURT RECESS

#### **COUNTY CLERK**

21. Discussion and possible action to increase the fees for Records Archive Management from ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per document to FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) per document and ordering that this fee be set and itemized in the county's budget pursuant to Sec. 118.025(b), Local Government Code.

# **COUNTY TAX**

22. Discussion and possible action to authorize or rescind the collection of \$1.50 for the Child Safety Fund under the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code, section 502.173. [For fiscal year 2003, the County will collect approximately \$153,000 of which the City of Laredo will receive \$140,000 (91.5%) with the remaining 8.5% to be distributed between the County (\$5,890), Rio Bravo (\$4,406) and El Cenizo (\$2,704)].

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- 23. Discussion and possible action authorizing the submission of a grant application to the State of Texas, Texas Department of Human Resources, for "Participation in CCAD Services" requesting approximately \$580,000 to provide home-delivered meal services through the Webb County Community Action Agency "Meals on Wheels" Program, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.[Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 24. Discussion and possible action to execute a lease between Webb County and Beatriz Cruz for the Property situated at 3520 Monterrey, in Laredo, Webb County, Texas for use as a Head Start Program Center for a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2003 and ending on August 31, 2004, and at a monthly rental of EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY NINE CENTS (\$833.49), and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents.[(Account #903-4208-6012 Space Rental) Head Start Program]
- 25. Discussion and possible action to execute a lease between Webb County and Church of Christ in Christian Union for the Property situated at 3301 Main, in Laredo, Webb County, Texas for use as a Head Start Program Center for a term of one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2003 and ending on June 30, 2004, and at a monthly rental of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$1,195.01), and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents.[(Account #903-4208-6012 Space Rental) Head Start Program]
- 26. Discussion and possible action to execute a lease between Webb County and George Royle Wright for the Property situated at 1118 Constantinople, in Laredo, Webb County, Texas for use as a Head Start Program Center for a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2003 and ending on August 31, 2004, and at a monthly rental of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00), and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. [(Account #903-4208-6012 Space Rental) Head Start Program]

- 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a medical health service agreement with Dr. Avelino Alvarez for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for period of one year at fees set forth in the agreement and ordering an exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [(Account #903-4208-6218 Medical/Dental Exams) Requested by Head Start]
- 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a speech therapy service agreement with Haydee M. Gonzalez, M.A., CCC-SLP, for children enrolled in Webb County Head Start Program for period of one year at fees set forth in the agreement and ordering an exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [(Account #903-4208-6075 Speech Therapy) Requested by Head Start]
- 29. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo for fire protection, emergency medical, and rescue services for the unincorporated areas of Webb County for a two year period beginning October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005 at an annual cost of \$600,000.00 (payable in monthly installments of \$50,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. (Account #001-4300-7437 Fire Protection & EMS Service)
- 30. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo for Health Services for the residents of Webb County for a one year period beginning October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 for an annual cost of \$150,000 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. (Account #001-4300-7404 City Health Contract)

- 31. Discussion and possible action to enter into an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo for Health Services for the residents of Webb County for a one year period beginning October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 for an annual cost of \$65,000.00 to support services offered by the City of Laredo's "La Familia" Primary Health Care Program, which offers primary and preventative health services to patients with diabetes, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure, cancer screening, nutritional counseling, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. (Account #001-4300-7404 City Health Contract)
- 32. Discussion and possible action to enter into an architectural services agreement with Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc. for the design of a "Records Management Facility" at a cost of 10% of construction cost plus 20% reimbursable (cost plus 20%) including but not limited to, civil engineering, landscaping, communications, environmental-asbestos abatement, acoustical, security, fiber optics and video disciplines and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. (Account #685-0116-6022 Professional Services)
- 33. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004) grant contract (number RPT 0402(22)) with the State of Texas, Texas Department of Transportation, for the "El Aguila" Rural Transportation Department, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. The State is awarding Webb County THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$370,907) under the Grant agreement [Requested by the Community Action Agency Rural Transportation Department]
- **34.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Attorney to begin discussions and negotiations for an Interlocal Agreement with taxing entities within Webb County to consent to the County's resale of tax foreclosed property which has been struck/bid off to the County as Trustee for the taxing entities and any matters incident thereto.
- 35. Discussion and possible action to enter into non-financial interlocal cooperative agreements with the Laredo Community College, for the Child Development Department, beginning September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]

- **36.** Discussion and possible action to amend or modify the "contract of employment" with the Law Office of Ramon Garcia, P.C., or take other action as deemed appropriate by the Commissioners Court.
- 37. Discussion and possible action to enter into agreement with Texas General Contractor's Inc., to perform remedial construction services at Life Downs Complex located on Highway 59 and authorization for County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

38. Discussion and possible action to approve the equipment priority list recommended by the Webb County Domestic Preparedness Committee to be submitted to the Domestic Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service by September 12, 2003 which will result in the purchase of equipment on the list in the priority order. The purchase of this equipment will be at no cost to the County.

Base Grant Award \$113,153.00 Regional Grant Allocation \$100,000.00

Total Webb County Grant Award \$213,153.00

**39.** Discussion and possible action authorizing the purchasing agent to solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for "Service Provider" as required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Office of Colonia Initiatives (OCI) for the proposed Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005 – Self Help Center Program (Webb County Community Action Agency is currently the "Service Provider" for the Webb County Self-Help Center Program through November 9, 2003. The New Self-Help Center contract is scheduled to be effective November 10, 2003 thru November 9, 2005).

#### **EL CENIZO & RIO BRAVO COMMUNITY CENTERS**

**40.** Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfers in the amount of \$4,400.00. [El Cenizo Community Center]

FROM: Account #001-6101-6201 (Utilities) \$4,000.00

Account #001-6101-6205 (Material & Supplies) 400.00

TOTAL: \$4,400.00

TO: Account #001-6101-6401 (Repair & Maint/Bldg.) \$4,000.00

Account #001-6101-6502 (Janitorial Supplies) 400.00

TOTAL \$4,400.00

**41.** Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$900.00. [Rio Bravo Community Center]

FROM: Account #001-6105-6201 (Utilities) \$500.00

Account #001-6105-6205 (Material & Supplies) 400.00

TOTAL: \$900.00

TO: Account #001-6105-6401 (Repair & Maint/Bldg.) \$500.00

Account #001-6105-6502 (Janitorial Supplies) 400.00

TOTAL: \$900.00

# **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**42.** Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfers in the amount of \$18,000.00 from Fund #010 Road & Bridge.

FROM: Account #7002-6205 (Materials & Supplies) \$10,000.00

Account #7002-6011 (Training & Education) 2,000.00

TOTAL: \$18,000.00

TO: Account #7002-6403 (Repair & Maint-Vehicles) \$10,000.00

Account #7002-6014 (Equipment Rental) 2,000.00

Account #7002-6224 (Minor Apparatus & Tools) 6,000.00

TOTAL: \$18,000.00

**43.** Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfer in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Fund #801 Water Utilities.

FROM: Account #3001-6004(Telephone) \$ 500.00
Account #3001-6005(Postage) 2,000.00
Account #3001-6007(Dues & Member.) 500.00
Account #3001-6011(Training & Ed.) 1,000.00
Account #3001-6094(Lease Purch.Interest) 2,000.00
TOTAL: \$6,000.00

TO: Account#3001-6201(Utilities) \$6,000.00

- 44. Discussion and possible action awarding the bid to Ramos Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$4,399,326.00 for the construction of 850,000 gallons per day expansion of the existing 650,000 gallons per day Waste Water Treatment Plant. This will upgrade the existing plant to 1,500,000 gallons per day. This action is subject to Texas Water Development Boards' approval.[Funding sources: Texas Water Development Board Grant and Loan and Certificates of Obligation Series 2003]
- **45.** Discussion and possible action awarding the bid to Ramos Industries, inc., in the amount of \$1,240,540.00 for the installation of a Waste Water system on the north side of El Cenizo, three lift stations and one force main connecting to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. [Funding sources: Texas Water Development Board Grants]
- **46.** Discussion and possible action awarding the bid to Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,026,693.97 for the replacement of 2",4" &6" Water Lines with 8" and the installation of Fire Hydrants in Rio Bravo. [Funding source: Texas Water Development Board Grant]
- **47.** Discussion and possible action awarding the bid to Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,469,768.00 for the replacement of 2",4", & 6" Water Lines with 8" and the installation of Fire Hydrants in El Cenizo. [Funding source: Texas Water Development Board Grants]

- 48. Discussion and possible action awarding the bid to Satterfield & Ponikes Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$11,650,000.00 for the construction of a 2.4 million gallon per day Water Treatment Plant. This project will provide a new plant that will meet state and federal rules and regulations for the next twenty (20) years. This action is subject to Texas Water Development Boards' approval. [Funding sources: Texas Water Development Board Grant and Loan and Certificates of Obligation Series 2003]
- 49. Discussion and possible action awarding the bid to Cardwell Tanks, Inc., in the amount of \$496,000.00 for the installation of an Elevated Tank inside the City of El Cenizo, three lift stations and one force main connecting to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. [Account #610-8006-8801-11 Capital Outlay Water]
- 50. Discussion and possible action amending the contract with Mr. Stephen R. Gibson of Gibson Gonzalez Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00 per month plus traveling expenses for the preparation, submittal and securing the presidential permit for Webb County International Bridge. The term of this amended contract is six months. [Fund 625 International Bridge #5]

# **INDIGENT HEALTH CARE**

**51.** Presentation by Indigent Health Care Department as to status of Indigent Health Care and discussion and possible action for additional funding for Indigent Health Care in the amount of \$600,000 and Indigent Burials in the amount of \$15,000 and any other matters incident thereto.

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**52.** Discussion and possible action to issue "Certifications Regarding compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i);

- 1. Block 6, Lot 14, Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision, (Electricity-one dwelling only).
- 2. Block 11, Lot 63, Colorado Acres Subdivision, (Electricity-one dwelling only)
- 3. Tract 60, Rancho Penitas West Subdivision, Unit IX, (Electricity-one dwelling only to this property and conditioned upon the disconnection/removal of any other electrical service to a dwelling on this property.)
- **53.** Discussion and possible action to itemize and set fees by Order for Floodplain Development Permits and Road Permits pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.324, Texas Water Code and Section 251.017, Texas Transportation Code.

# **PURCHASING AGENT**

- **54.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to retain services of New World Systems to provide Training Support Service (Integrated Inventory) in the amount of \$5,000.00. [001-0600-6022 Professional Services]
- **55.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing agent to purchase food trays and insulated beverage containers for the Law Enforcement Center from Cooks Correction Kitchen Supplies in the amount of \$5,827.00. [Account # 001-2062-6205 Material & Supplies]
- 56. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to retain the services of Transtate Security System to install a burglar alarm system for Rio Bravo Community Center in the amount of \$2,500.00 and El Cenizo Community Center in the amount of \$2,514.95. [Account #001-0105-9201 Claims Paid-Property]

**57.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to retain the services of Martinez Fence Company to install security fence at the Rio Bravo Community Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 and El Cenizo Community Center in the amount of \$5,985.00. [Account #001-0105-9201 Claims Paid-Property]

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 58. Discussion and possible action to appoint members of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee pursuant to Section 14.04 of the Webb County Personnel Policies Manual, to set the terms of those members, and any related matters. [Requested by the County Judge] Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
- **59.** Adjournment.

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

# **♣** DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT **♣**

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

DATED THIS	DAY OF SEPTEN	MBER, 2003.
By: Louis H. Bruni Webb County Jud		
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